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SUBJECT: BERLIN: RESPONSE TO SOVIET STATEMENTS OF NOV. 16
AND MARCH 10

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SUMMARY: AMBASSADOR ACCOMPANIED BY POLCOUNS DELIVERED TEXT
OF TWO STATEMENTS TO DEPUTY FONMIN KORNIYENKO APRIL 18.
FRENCH AMBASSADOR SAW KOVALEV AND BRITISH SAW BONDARENKO
IN ABSENCE OF DEPUTY FONMIN ZEMSKOV. IN ALL THREE MEETINGS
SOVIETS BRIEFLY REAFFIRMED THEIR POSITION ON BOTH ISSUES.
ISSUE OF ALLIED FLAG TOURS IN EAST BERLIN WAS NOT RAISED
BY SOVIETS. END SUMMARY.

1. FOLLOWING READING OF TWO STATEMENTS BY AMBASSADOR,
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KORNIYENKO RESPONDED BY REAFFIRMING SOVIET POSITION
AS EXPRESSED IN MARCH 10 NOTE ON RECENT ACTIONS TAKEN
BY GDR IN EAST BERLIN AND IN NOVEMBER 16 NOTE ON EC
PARLIAMENT ISSUE. ON LATTER KORNIYENKO SAID HE COULD
CONFIRM THAT THE SOVIET SIDE STANDS ON ITS ORAL
STATEMENT ON NOVEMBER 16, 1976. THE SOVIETS CANNOT
AGREE WITH THE INTERPRETATION IN THE APRIL 18 U.S.

STATEMENT WHICH ATTEMPTS TO INTERPRET DECISION TAKEN BY "SUPRA-NATIONAL BODIES" AS EXTENDING TO THE CITY OF WEST BERLIN, AND WHICH THEREFORE ARE IN CONTRADICTION WITH THE QA. THE SOVIET SIDE STANDS FIRM ON THIS POSITION. THE AMBASSADOR SAID HE WOULD REPORT THESE VIEWS AND THAT HE HAD NOTHING FURTHER TO ADD.

2. BRITISH MADE APPOINTMENT WITH BONDARENKO AFTER BEING TOLD THAT ZEMSKOV WAS OUT OF TOWN FOR WEEK. THEY MADE POINT AT START OF MEETING THAT THEY WERE CALLING ON BONDARENKO IN ABSENCE OF ZEMSKOV. BONDARENKO TOLD BRITS HE WOULD STUDY STATEMENTS CAREFULLY AND, IF NECESSARY, WOULD REPLY (BONDARENKO WAS ONLY ONE OF THREE WHO MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF REPLY.) HE EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT POWERS OF EC PARLIAMENT AND SAID SOVIETS WOULD FOLLOW WEST BERLIN INVOLVEMENT IN EC ELECTIONS AND RESULTS OF THOSE ELECTIONS WITH GREAT CARE. FRENCH SAW DEPUTY FOMIN KOVALEV WITH BONDARENKO'S DEPUTY KVITSINSKIY SITTING IN. CONVERSATION WAS ALSO SHORT AND AMOUNTED TO SIMPLE REASSERTION OF SOVIET POSITION.

3. SOVIETS DID NOT RAISE WITH EITHER OF THREE AMBASSADORS ISSUE OF ALLIED FLAG TOURS IN EAST BERLIN.

4. COMMENT: ALL THREE CONVERSATIONS WERE VERY BRIEF AND AMOUNTED TO LITTLE MORE THAN SOVIET REPETITION OF THEIR POSITIONS. ONLY COMMENT WHICH WAS ABOVE LEVEL OF PERFUNCTORY WAS BONDARENKO'S REMARK THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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SOVIETS WOULD CONTINUE TO FOLLOW WEST BERLIN/EC PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS AND RESULTS CAREFULLY. WE TAKE IT FROM THIS THAT SOVIETS DO NOT CONSIDER ISSUE CLOSED, AND WE CAN EXPECT FURTHER REACTION FOLLOWING ELECTIONS.
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